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S. 1348

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to modify the computation of eligibility for certain Federal Pell Grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Pell Grant
5 Eligibility Clarification Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT YEAR CIR-**
7 **CUMSTANCES.**

8 Section 480(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
2 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT YEAR CIR-
5 CUMSTANCES FOR CERTAIN PELL GRANT AWARDS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a student is a resi-
7 dent of a State that is in an extended benefit
8 period (within the meaning of section 203 of
9 the Temporary Extended Unemployment Com-
10 pensation Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–147)),
11 then for purposes of calculating total income
12 under paragraph (1) for a student seeking as-
13 sistance under subpart 1 of part A, the Sec-
14 retary shall reduce the student’s total income
15 by an amount by which—

16 “(i) the adjusted gross income plus
17 untaxed income and benefits for the pre-
18 ceding tax year minus excludable income
19 (as defined in subsection (e)), exceeds

20 “(ii) the projected gross income plus
21 untaxed income and benefits for the cur-
22 rent tax year minus the projected exclud-
23 able income (as defined in subsection (e)).

24 “(B) ANTI-FRAUD PROCEDURES.—The Sec-
25 retary shall establish procedures to ensure that com-

- 1 putations made pursuant to subparagraph (A) are
- 2 not fraudulent.”.

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